

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Wally Herger (R-CA), Ranking Member of the Ways & Means Subcommittee on Health, issued the following statement after the House approved the Senate bill for government-run health care.

“I’m outraged that House Democrats have ignored the repeated protests of the American people and forced their government takeover of health care through Congress by using a series of backroom deals, gimmicks, and ‘Chicago-style’ politics. This bill brings us even further down a bad road for America. It’s a road where big government directs the future of our economy, bureaucrats take the place of doctors, and federal mandates replace individual freedoms. Traditionally, our greatness has risen from the ingenuity of our citizens and their ability to pursue the American dream their own way. This government takeover of health care is an affront to that tradition.

“The Democrats’ method for paying for this new entitlement was based entirely on smoke and mirrors tactics. In the first decade alone, it will take ten years of taxes, plus yet another raid on the Social Security and Medicare trust funds, to pay for just six years of their new government health care program. Our children and grandchildren can thank President Obama and Congressional Democrats for piling trillions of dollars in more debt onto their backs.

“This bill fails to seriously address the root of our health care problems – high costs. In fact, insurance premiums, taxes, and spending will all increase as result of this bill being signed into law. I will continue to fight against the ongoing push toward socialized medicine. And I believe that the American people will show their disapproval with each Member who voted for this disastrous bill this coming November.”

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